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DETAILED ACTION

Examiner Amendment

1. The statutory response period for applicant to seek rehearing or notify the Office of judicial review under 35 U.S.C. § 141 or 35 U.S.C. § 145 has lapsed without any applicant response to the Board decision.
2. Accordingly, rejection affirmed claims 45 and 48-50 are cancelled.
3. The rejection reversed dependent claims 46 and 47 are incomplete claims as they depend from rejection affirmed claim 45.

Applicant is required to place these claims in independent form or risk cancellation. Applicant may rewrite dependent claims 46 and 47 in the form of an independent claim incorporating the limitations of the cancelled base claim 45.

Applicant is required to make the necessary corrections addressing the outstanding formal matters within a shortened statutory period set to expire ONE MONTH or THIRTY DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this letter.

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Conclusion

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Exmr. Michael E. Butler whose telephone number is (571) 272-6937.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Stefanos Karmis, can be reached on (571) 272-6744. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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